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Plaintiff.

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AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY, as successor in interest to CARLISLE INSURANCE COMPANY, and WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

-against-

Defendants.

## 1) Description of the Case

a. The Attorneys of Record are:

For Plaintiff THE CITY OF NEW YORK ("the City"):

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For Defendant AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY, ("AMIC") as successor in interest to CARLISLE INSURANCE COMPANY ("Carlisle"):

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- b. The basis for federal jurisdiction is removal based on diversity.
- c. The City's claims, based on alleged breaches of insurance contracts, seek a declaration that defendants AMIC, as successor in interest to Carlisle, and WFIC had a duty to defend the City in an action entitled *Ruben Rivera and Olga Rivera v. The City of New York, Diamond Asphalt Corp.*, *Welsbach Electric Corporation, Levi Walton, DCR Trucking and Excavation Inc.*, *Urbitran Associates Engineers P.C., Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and Mulvihill Electric Co., Inc.*, New York Supreme Court, Bronx County, Index No. 7931/98 (the "*Rivera* Action"). The City also seeks recovery of its defense fees and costs in the *Rivera* Action. Now that the City has settled the claims against the City in the *Rivera* Action, the City seeks to amend its complaint to seek indemnity for amounts paid by the City in that settlement. AMIC's counterclaim seeks a declaration that it had no duty to defend the City in the *Rivera* action.
  - d. The major legal and factual issues are:
    - i) Whether the City is an additional insured under the Carlisle policy at issue in this case;
    - Whether the Carlisle policy has been exhausted, and if so, whether nonetheless,
      Carlisle had a duty to defend and is liable for the City's defense costs and indemnity;
      and
    - iii) Whether the City is entitled to coverage under the WFIC policy and whether certain policy provisions, such as late notice, may preclude coverage.
  - e. The relief sought, is described in section 1.c above.

## 2) Proposed Case Management Plan

a. There are no pending motions, but there are two proposed motions. Defendant WFIC proposes to move to dismiss. The City proposes to move to amend the complaint.

- b. <u>Cutoff date for joinder of additional parties</u>: 30 days after deadline for amendments to pleadings.
- c. <u>Cutoff date for amendments to pleadings</u>: November 8, 2011 (unless leave to amend is granted after decision on a motion to dismiss).
  - d. Discovery Schedule:
    - i. Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures due October 10, 2011.
    - ii. Fact discovery to be completed by June 8, 2012. JANUARY 9, 2012
    - iii. No parties anticipate using experts.
    - iv. No parties anticipate using experts.
- e. <u>Cutoff date for filing dispositive motions:</u> 30 days after completion of discovery, but any parties may file earlier.
  - f. Final Pretrial Order: To be filed 30 days after decisions on all dispositive motions.
- g. <u>Trial Schedule:</u> A jury trial is not requested. The probable length of trial is not more than three days. The case will be ready for trial 30 days after decisions on all dispositive motions.
- 3) Magistrate Judge: The parties to not consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge.
- 4) Status of Settlement Discussions: Initial settlement discussions have taken place. The parties will inform the Court at the initial conference whether they request a settlement conference.

## Respectfully submitted,

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PLAINTIFF MAY SUBMIT AN AMENDED COMPLAINT BEFORE 9/23/11.

A STATUS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2012 AT 10:00 AM.

RICHARD J. MOLWELL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

9/13/11

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